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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 18, 2003, having a period for response set to expire October 18, 2003. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time is being submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to January 18, 2004. January 18, 2004 falls on a Sunday, and January 19, 2004 is a holiday for the Patent Office. Therefore, the present Response is timely filed on Tuesday, January 20, 2004. The following remarks are respectfully submitted, and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The Applicant notes that John Platt has filed a declaration herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (hereinafter "declaration") providing evidence in support of a traversal of the objections and rejections of the present final Office Action.